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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CENTRAL PLANNING TELECOM PLANNER

1. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT ARTHUR D. LITTLE CONSULTANTS HAVE ARRANGED A VISIT TO U.S. FOR LEADING PLANNER FOR SAUDI ARABIA ON SUBJECT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS. DR. MANSOUR OF COP (AN ECONOMIST, NOT A TELECOMM EXPERT) WILL SPEND 2-3 WEEKS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF U.S. WITHIN NEXT MONTH AND WILL BE IN WASHDC FOR AN INITIAL BRIEFING. WE ARE UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHO IS GIVING BRIEFING IN WASHDC BUT SUGGEST THAT A SPECIAL BRIEFING ON POTENTIAL USE OF A DOMESTIC STAELLITE FOR SA BE ARRANGED. WE ARE TOLD FRANK COLLINS OF ADL IN MASSACHUSETTS OR PETER ROSS-SCOTT, THE SOMETIME RESIDENT ADL MAN HERE, IS ARRANGING THE SCHEDULE FOR DR. MANSOUR.

2. SUGGEST WASHDC AGENCIES MAKE SURE DR. MANSOUR HAS FULL BRIEFING ON SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY AND WHAT IT CAN DO IN ACHIEVING EARLY EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS LINKS WITH RURAL AND ISOLATED REGIONS OF KINGDOM.
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